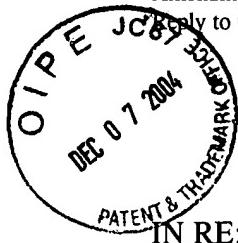


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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer
TITLE : A Virtual Library of Possible Combinatorially Derived Product Molecules Searchable Without the Necessity of Generating Product Structures
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EXAMINER : Mary K. Zeman
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CUSTOMER NO. : 22448

TO: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED June 7, 2004

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated June 7, 2004. This Response is being timely filed along with a petition for extension of time and the required fee. In addition, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed along with this Response.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.